

MURDER SUSPECT ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Edward O'Brien's Plan to Hang Himself in Cell Today Frustrated

ACCOMPLICE BLAMES PIES

Edward O'Brien, the twenty-year-old youth being held in Freshhold, N. J., for planning and executing the murder of Gardner C. Hull, a wealthy New York stationer, in conjunction with Edward Earl Paige, under arrest here, tried to commit suicide in his cell today.

Paige, the boy who arrested here, will be turned over to the New York authorities today.

O'Brien, said to be the one who actually killed Mr. Hull with a hammer, also will be turned over to the New York authorities today.

Both boys were indicted for murder by the New York grand jury yesterday. The case seems a clear one, both boys having confessed their parts in the plot that resulted in the death of their benefactor, and the New York authorities plan to push the case to a speedy conclusion.

Blames Pies and Movies

Pies and movies are blamed by Paige for his part in the crime. His inordinate craving for apple pies and the motion pictures, cravings which he has always lacked money to satisfy, are given by him as the reason for his part in the plot.

Assistant District Attorney Joyce, of New York, so said after an extended interview with Paige in his City Hall cell.

"He told me he never got enough to eat until Mr. Hull raised his wages to \$10 a week," said Mr. Joyce, as he came from Paige's cell. "He had an inordinate appetite for apple pie, but his appetite for the movies was even greater."

"Because of his desire to get money with which to buy apple pie and to go to the movies, Paige often talked with

O'Brien about the possibility of stealing the payroll of Hull & Demplich. After striking Hull down and obtaining the money, Mr. Joyce said, the two boys went to Newark, N. J., and after dividing the money went into a restaurant.

Planned to Meet Here

The boys separated in Newark, he said, agreeing to meet here at an address in Philadelphia which O'Brien gave Paige.

One of Paige's first acts in Philadelphia, Mr. Joyce said, was to buy several apple pies and eat them. Detective William Reishaw made frequent trips to Paige's cell last night, but nothing further could be learned from him regarding the murder. Shortly after his arrest Paige confessed, according to Reishaw, that he held Hull while his partner in the crime, Edward O'Brien, hit the aged man over the head with a hammer and killed him.

O'Brien admitted using the hammer, saying Paige was the one who held the victim motionless.

O'Brien seemed boastful of his part in the crime when talking to notices and fellow prisoners at Freshhold, N. J. Not only did he rehearse the murder of Hull in all its gruesome details, but he also boasted that he was the man who murdered Mrs. Wilkins.

Wilkins and Hull Friends

Although the police need not put much stock in O'Brien's confession of the Wilkins murder, this confession is an interesting detail of the features of it. It is recalled that August Deposit, the partner of Mr. Hull, who is a sergeant, was a frequent visitor to the station in a cell in Mingoia before and during Dr. Wilkins' trial. Dr. Wilkins and Mr. Hull were also friends. Dr. Wilkins was killed with a hammer and the police believe that he was the man who murdered Mrs. Wilkins.

The police believe, however, that O'Brien is simply reveling in his short-lived notoriety and trying to create an impression among his fellow prisoners. The young man's mother visited yesterday at a defense of insanity will be put forward, saying that her son had been acting peculiarly for several years.

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Work With National Association in Move to Get Congress to Raise Salaries

STATISTICS ARE DRAWN UP

Fifteen hundred postoffice clerks in Philadelphia, employed in the general postoffice and the thirty-five branch postoffice stations, are expectant of having their salaries raised by Congress.

They are working in concert with the United National Association of Postoffice Clerks, which organization has prepared comparative salary statistics to present to the congressional commission. The period covered is from 1907 to 1919.

Figures show salaries of postoffice clerks here and elsewhere to be woefully inadequate, the clerks say. Amazing conditions are shown to exist in all divisions of the Postoffice Department, as compared with wages paid in other occupations.

Unbelievable as it may seem the government, the employees point out during the years of increasing prices, from 1907 to 1914 and during the world war, from 1914 to 1918, did not increase the wages of its postal employees. This, notwithstanding the entire economic structure of the world seemed to be revolutionized, and the cost of necessities doubled and tripled.

Philadelphia's postal employees here, with their thousands of fellow employees, they are entitled to a living wage. Salaries range today from \$1000 to \$1500 yearly. It is only recently, since Congress appointed a commission to investigate the needs of the men, that the increased attempt has been effective. It became operative on July

1, pending congressional action on the request for additional pay. For business of all kinds, big and little, in promoting, producing, selling, advertising, distribution, buying, financing—no matter what phase of industrial activity—the postal service is to such business, analogously speaking, what the arteries and blood vessels, carrying energy, life and food, are to the human body, it is contended. If the system is clogged the human body, and so comes anemic. Clog or reduce the efficiency of the postal service or the employees and resulting business anemias will lead inevitably to disaster, bankruptcy and stagnation of business interests, the leaders argue.

"The average person is unaware that it requires five years of training and study to make a good, efficient postal clerk," one man said today. "They must memorize 5000 or 6000 facts, must have more than a smattering of the postal laws and regulations, embracing a volume with twelve titles or parts and over 1700 sections, and must also be conversant with the conversion of money, foreign exchange, insurance rates, adjustment of claims, banking processes, the computation of interest and manifold other things. Railroad and steamship routes must be memorized, as well as the geographical location and the distance from point to point of cities in the United States and the island possessions of the country, that direct shipment may be made of the mails."

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Philadelphia's 1500 postal employees meet monthly at Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch street. Officers of Branch 3, United National Association of Postoffice Clerks, are: Joseph D. E. Murphy, president; John V. Lynch, vice president; James J. Ruddle, secretary; Albert E. Lutkin, treasurer.

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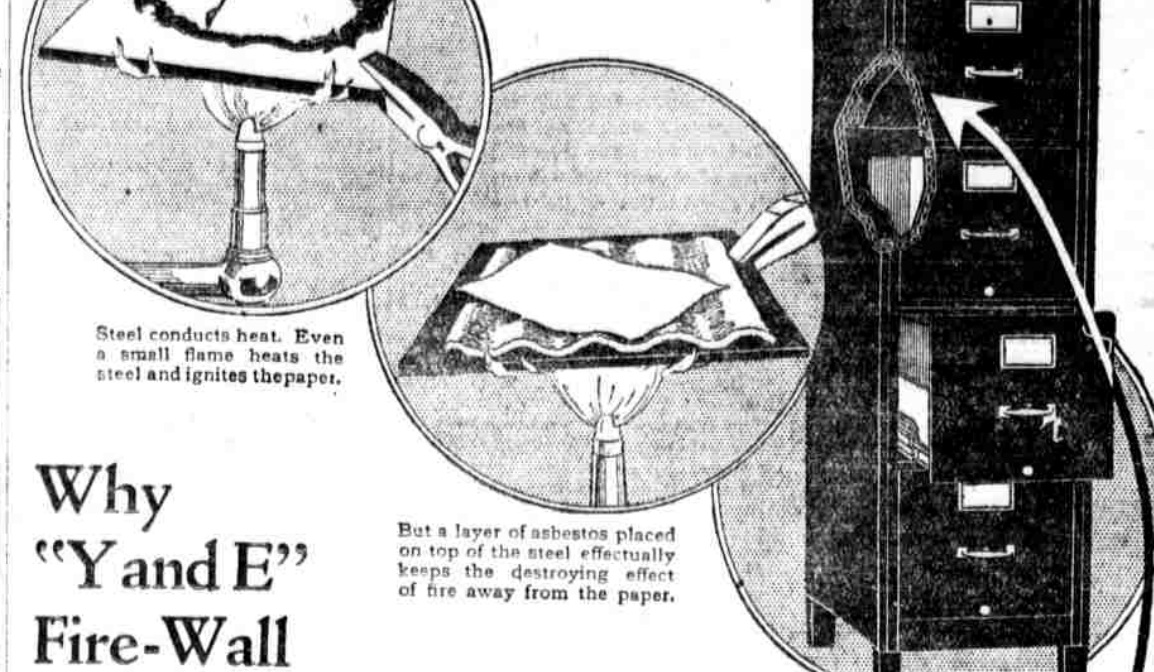
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